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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

So KAWAMURA et al.

Serial No.: 09/982,991

Filed: October 22, 2001

For: METHOD FOR MANAGING PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION WITH
RETURNABLE CONTAINERS

SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL EXECUTED DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D. C. 20281

Sir:

The above-identified application was duly filed on October 22, 2001 without an executed Declaration. Accordingly, submitted herewith is a fully executed Declaration and Assignment of the inventors. Attached is our check number 14965 for \$910.00, which includes \$130.00 to cover the payment of the fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.16(e), \$40.00 to cover the fee for recordation of the Assignment document, and the remainder to cover the full filing fees.

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Entry of these documents should complete all of the filing formalities and fully satisfy the Notice of Missing Parts mailed November 26, 2001. Accordingly examination and allowance of the application in due course are respectfully solicited.

All correspondence should be sent to applicants' representative at the address indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 16-0331. Two duplicate copies of this letter are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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